

641—202.3(135) Preliminary review.

202.3(1) Upon receipt of a written request from the sponsor of the proposal, the department shall make a preliminary review of the letter of intent for the purpose of:

a. Determining if a proposed project requires a certificate of need under Iowa Code sections 135.61 to 135.83; and

b. Informing the sponsor of the project of any factors which may appear likely to result in denial of a certificate of need based on the criteria for evaluation in Iowa Code section 135.64.

202.3(2) The health services listed in Iowa Code section 135.61(18) “*m*” shall be deemed to require a certificate of need for the initiation or expansion of these services.

202.3(3) The department shall provide to the sponsor written comment within 15 calendar days of receipt of such request for preliminary review. A written comment by the department is not binding on the council.